

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Friday, June 9, 1995

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. RADANOVICH].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 9, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable GEORGE P. RADANOVICH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Douglas Tanner, Jr., Faith and Politics Institute of Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of us all: We come before You on a day when the heat and humidity outside this Chamber tell us that summer is here, even though officially it has yet to arrive. We also know it is summer by the departure today of this year's page class, and we thank You for their work in the seasons past.

Grant us the capacity to discern with equal clarity the seasons of our own lives: the time to sow, the time to cultivate, the time to reap, the time to lie fallow. Help us to know when to water, and when to weed.

Help us to know good seed from bad as we choose what to sow in the fields of public policy. Enable our public leaders to appeal to what is noble in our nature, to our human dignity, to our sense of fairness, to our compassion, to our willingness to sacrifice, to our ability to forgive. Strengthen us to follow those who will lead. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Arizona [Mr. KOLBE] will lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KOLBE led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

S. Res. 131. *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Kelly D. Johnston, of Oklahoma, as Secretary of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 735. An act to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, announces his appointment of John C. Waugh, of Texas, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTING PAGES

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure once again to take the floor of this House at this time of year to say just a few words about the pages. This is their final day, and it is customary for us to say a word or two about the service that they have provided for us.

I will have an opportunity to say a few words to them this evening, because I am especially privileged and honored to have been chosen by them to be their speaker at their graduation or end-of-year exercises this evening, and I promised them that I would not speak for more than an hour and a half this evening, so perhaps if I say a few of the words here this morning, we can cut it a little short this evening.

I know that the pages have very mixed feelings about their departure. On the good side, they do not have to get up at 5:30 in the morning in order to get to school. They do not have to listen to more of these boring speeches on the floor of the House of Representatives. They do not have more flags they have to deliver to the offices.

But I know they also are going to be missing this wonderful learning environment that they have been in and, of course, leaving behind so many friends that they have made. But I can tell you, and I speak, as the pages know,

with some experience, having served here as a page many years ago, all too many years ago. We will not name how many years ago it was, having served here as a page all those years ago.

I know that the friendships that you have made here will endure, will endure if you work at it, and I know the memories that you have of this will certainly continue. But, of course, it is the lessons that you learn from all of this that are important.

You have had an opportunity to see firsthand how government works. You have had an opportunity to see the good and the bad of this place, the good and the bad that are in people, whether it is in government, in the House of Representatives, or any place in our walk of life. The House of Representatives truly is the people's body, and it reflects in many ways the good and sometimes the bad that we see in our own society.

So I want to say thank you this morning to each and every one of you for what you have done to make our daily lives a little better.

I would be remiss if I did not particularly mention the two pages, and I am privileged to have two here this year, that have worked so hard and have been my pages, Francie Julien from Amphitheater High School in Tucson, and Nancy Grimm from University High School, and since they are mine, I mention them, but in mentioning them I am really mentioning each and every one of you for the wonderful jobs and the service that you have given us.

You really do do us a great service. You know, it takes a huge operation to make this place run, to keep it going. There are people that are all over this House of Representatives and this Congress of the United States, from the very rooftop of this building to the bowels of the building, that, in an unsung way, keep the place going every day, and you are part of that, you are a very visible part of it. You are visible to the public as you make your way around this building delivering the messages and the packages and doing the errands that you do. You are very visible to us here on the floor of the House of Representatives. You play a huge role in making our lives easier and making it work for us. And that is why you are so important to us in that sense.

But you are important to us in a much more important way, I think, that sometimes escapes the notice of you, and perhaps even of us. You are here as a daily reminder to us of what

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this work that we do is all about, because you represent the next generation of America, and I think that we need to be reminded daily that the votes that we cast, the votes that we cast to make sure that this is a sound government, a sound society for the future, the votes that we cast are done not for ourselves but for our children, for the next generation, and you are the next generation. That is, after all, what this is all about, maintaining the future of our country.

So I wish you well in your endeavors in school next year and in the endeavors that go beyond that. Some of you, I suspect, well, I do not expect it, I guarantee it, there will be one or more of you among you that will be back here someday in the Congress of the United States serving in this body just as I have done, working as a staff person here on the Hill.

So I do not have to say do not forget us. You will not forget us. But you have to do the work of keeping up the friendships and of maintaining the contacts and relearning the lessons that you have learned from here, of maintaining the involvement and your concern in government.

You have a responsibility to take the lessons that you have learned here and will continue to learn throughout life and pass those lessons along to the next generation, for you, too, will be parents someday. You will have your own families, and that is the important, most important thing we do, not what we do here, not what we do in our workplace, but what we do in terms of passing the values of our society on to the next generation.

You have made a very good start of it, and I wish you all very well, and I am looking forward very much for the chance to talk to you again this evening.

Good luck, Godspeed, come back and see us.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KOLBE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. KOLBE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SKELTON in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KOLBE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ARCHER.

Mr. GOODLING.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, June 13, 1995, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1010. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995, and semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1011. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General covering the period October 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995, and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1012. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

app. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1013. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1014. A letter from the Inspector General, Resolution Trust Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. MARTINI:

H.R. 1811. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional aggravating factor for death penalty cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ARCHER (for himself and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 1812. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the income, estate, and gift tax rules applicable to individuals who lose U.S. citizenship; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. EHRLICH (for himself and Mr. RADANOVICH):

H.R. 1813. A bill to establish a Minerals Management Service within the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

109. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Louisiana, relative to memorializing the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit burning of the U.S. flag; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 863: Ms. DANNER.

H.R. 1496: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. WOLF, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MILLER of California, and Mr. DEFazio.

H.R. 1594: Mr. KOLBE and Mr. CHAMBLISS.